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Meeting of States parties to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women
Twelfth meeting
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Item 5 of the provisional agenda*

Election, in accordance with article 17, paragraphs 4 and 5, of the Convention, of twelve members of the Committee, to replace those whose terms are due to expire on 31 December 2002

Note by the Secretary-General

1. In accordance with article 17, paragraph 4, of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women, the Secretary-General will convene the twelfth meeting of States parties at United Nations Headquarters on 29 August 2002, for the election of 12 members of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women from a list of persons nominated by States parties to replace those whose terms are due to expire on 31 December 2002 (see annex I). The names of the other 11 members, who will continue to serve on the Committee until 31 December 2004, appear in annex II.

2. In compliance with article 17, paragraph 3, of the Convention, the Secretary-General, in a note verbale dated 19 November 2001, invited the States parties to submit their nominations for the election of 12 members of the Committee not later than 15 July 2002. The Secretary-General has prepared the following list, in alphabetical order, of all persons nominated by 15 July 2002, indicating the States parties that had nominated them.

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Candidate	*Nominated by*
Mary Atieno Ang'awa	Kenya
Meriem Belmihoub-Zerdani	Algeria
Feng Cui	China
Cornelis Flinterman	Netherlands
Naela Mohamed Gabr	Egypt
Savitri Goonesekere	Sri Lanka
Tadelech Haile Michael	Ethiopia
Akua Kuenyehia	Ghana
Rosario G. Manalo	Philippines
Mavuela Mayisa	Democratic Republic of the Congo
Krisztina Morvai	Hungary
Zelmira Regazzoli	Argentina
Fumiko Saiga	Japan
Dubravka Šimonović	Croatia

3. The curricula vitae of the above candidates, as furnished by their Governments, are contained in annex III.

Annex I

List of the twelve members of the Committee whose terms expire on 31 December 2002

Member	*Country of nationality*
Charlotte Abaka	Ghana
Emna Aouij	Tunisia
Ivanka Corti	Italy
Feng Cui	China
Naela Gabr	Egypt
Savitri Coonesekere	Sri Lanka
Rosalyn Hazelle	Saint Kitts and Nevis
Rosario Manalo	Philippines
Mavivi Myakayaka-Manzini	South Africa
Frances Livingstone Raday	Israel
Zelmira Regazzoli	Argentina
Fumiko Saiga	Japan

Annex II

List of the eleven members who will continue to serve on the Committee until 31 December 2004

Member	*Country of nationality*
Ayse Feride Acar	Turkey
Sjamsiah Achmad	Indonesia
Françoise Gaspard	France
Yolanda Ferrer Gómez	Cuba
Aída González Martínez	Mexico
Christine Kapalata	United Republic of Tanzania
Fatima Kwaku	Nigeria
Göran Melander	Sweden
Hanna Beate Schöpp-Schilling	Germany
Heisoo Shin	Republic of Korea
Maria Regina Tavares da Silva	Portugal

Annex III

Curricula vitae of candidates

Mary Atieno Ang'awa (Kenya)

Place and date of birth:	Mombasa, Kenya, 8 March 1954
Nationality:	Kenyan
Address:	P.O. Box 63824 Nairobi, Kenya
Marital status:	Single

Mission statement

To uphold justice and fairness for all without fear or favour.

To ensure that the rule of law is maintained.

Career/experience

1999	Puisne Judge — High Court of Kenya, Nairobi
1996-1998	Resident Judge — High Court of Kenya, Mombasa
1993-1995	Resident Judge — High Court of Kenya, Nyeri
1991-1993	Commissioner, Advocates Complaints Commission
1989-1991	Chairman, Rent Restriction Tribunal
1990	Chief Magistrate
1987	Senior Resident Magistrate, subordinate courts of Kenya
1986	Secretary, Commission inquiring into the Insurance Industry
1982	Resident Magistrate — subordinate courts of Kenya
1980	District Magistrate — subordinate courts of Kenya

Education

1963-1969	Maxwell Preparatory School (CPE)
1970-1975	Limuru Girl's School (O' and A' Levels)
1976-1979	University of Nairobi (LLB)
1979-1980	Kenya School of Law (Advocate)

Professional courses and assignments

1984	Short course Planning services for the offender in the community Swansea University College, Wales
1986	Secretary, Kenya Magistrates Association

1988-1990	International Commission of Jurists
1993	Kenya Women Judges Association
1996	Member — The Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (Kenya Branch)
1998	Eisenhower Exchange Fellow — United States of America
1998	National Judicial College Reno, United States Logic and opinion-writing course
1998	Federal Judicial Center Washington, United States
	The United States Judicial System Fellowship
1999	Special fellowship course (Chartered Institute of Arbitrators)

Translated from French

Meriem Belmihoub-Zerdani (Algeria)

Born in Algiers on 1 April 1935

Married in 1966, mother of three children, all lawyers

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Algiers
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Home: 17 Chemin Youcef Tayebi el Biar
Algiers
Telephone: (021) 92 52 41; Law office: (021) 63 38 80

Primary and secondary studies in Algiers and Paris

University studies in Paris and Algiers

Member, National Liberation Front — National Liberation Army (FLN-ALN) (War of National Liberation)

Maquisard in 1956, detained in Algerian and French prisons for four and a half years (War of National Liberation)

Deputy of the National Constituent Assembly, 1962-1964

Member, Commission for Education and Culture of that Assembly

Member of the Bureau of the National Constituent Assembly

Licence en droit public (first degree in public law), 1964

Attorney, Court of Algiers, 1964; appointed to the Supreme Court, 1974

Assistant Lecturer, Faculty of Law, 1964-1967

Member, Bureau of the National Union of Algerian Women, 1963-1965

Member, Algiers Bar Council, 1972-1976

Founding member, National Association to Combat Illiteracy, 1964

President of the constituent assembly of the Algerian Family Planning Association

Women's rights activist

Head of the delegation received by the President of the Algerian National Assembly (Parliament) in 1984 to present a list of complaints and an alternate draft text of the Family Code

Minister Counsellor to the head of Government on legal and administrative affairs, 1992-1993

Member of the Council of the Nation (Senate), January 1998-January 2001

Chair of the Group of Independent Senate Members

Member of the Justice Reform Commission established by the President of the Republic in 1999

Feng Cui (China)

Date and place of birth: 14 February 1940, Henan, China

Working languages: English, Chinese

Current position/function

Member of the Secretariat, the All-China Women's Federation, Member of the National Committee of the Ninth Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference; Member of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women (1999-2002).

Main professional activities

Head of the Chinese Women's delegation to some countries in Asia, Africa, Latin America and North America, to understand more about the women's situation therein; chairing and attending China-European Union Seminar on women's issues, China-Australia HRTR: Workshop on Family Violence in Minority areas, a training workshop on the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women and a white ribbon campaign organized in cooperation with the United Nations Development Fund for Women; Co-director for some international cooperation projects, such as the China-Canada women's law project, re-employment and venture creation for laid-off women workers sponsored by the United Nations Development Programme, International Labour Organization/ International Programme on the Elimination of Child Labour Mekong subregional project to combat trafficking in children and women; participating in the discussions and drafting of the amendment to the marriage law of the People's Republic of China; Head of Chinese delegation to the Commission on the Status of Women.

Educational background

Foreign Language Institute of Beijing. Major: International Relations

Other main activities in the filed relevant to the mandate of the treaty body concerned

Attending many seminars held at home and international symposiums on women, including on women's education, health, human rights and domestic violence; on behalf of the All-China Women's Federation, meeting and having discussions with Mary Robinson, United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, and Peter Piot, Executive Director of the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS and Assistant to the Secretary-General, in November 2001; Secretary-General of the China Organizing Committee for the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Women Leaders Network Meeting 2001, whose focus was the development of women's entrepreneurship and gender mainstreaming into APEC processes and activities; meeting with many women ministers and women parliamentarians from foreign countries and a number of first ladies.

Cornelis Flinterman (Netherlands)

Date and place of birth: 3 November 1944, The Hague

Working languages: Dutch, English, German, French

Current position/function

Professor of Human Rights (Utrecht University)

Director, Netherlands Institute of Human Rights

Director, Netherlands School of Human Rights Research

Main professional activities

Research in the field of comparative, international and constitutional law of (women's) human rights

Teaching international, regional (European, Inter-American, African) and national law of (women's) human rights

Organization of and participation in training courses on human rights (of women) for particular target groups inside and outside the Netherlands

Educational background

LL.M. University of Leyden, the Netherlands, 1969

LL.M. University of Virginia, United States, 1971

PhD (Law), University of Leyden, the Netherlands, 1981

Other main activities in the field relevant to the mandate of the treaty body concerned

Member of Advisory Council on International Affairs and Chair of its standing committee on human rights

Member of Advisory Council of African Centre for Human Rights and Democracy Studies (Bandul, the Gambia)

Chair of Centre on Housing Rights and Evictions (Geneva)

Vice-chair of International Service for Human Rights

Member of Editorial Board of Netherlands Quarterly of Human Rights

Member of Editorial Board of African Journal of Human Rights

Member of Advisory Board of Maastricht Journal of European and Comparative Law

Most recent publications

Flinterman, C., "Women's Rights and the Right to Complain. Towards an Optional Protocol to the Women's Convention", in: Erik Denters and Nico Schrijver (eds.), *Reflections on International Law from the Low Countries in Honour of Paul de Waart*, Martinus Nijhoff Publishers, The Hague, 1998, pp. 183-191.

Flinterman, C. and E. Ankumah, "The African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights", in: H. Hannum, *Guide to international human rights practice*, 3rd. rev. ed., New York: Transnational Publishers, 1999, pp. 163-177.

Flinterman, C. and C. Henderson, :Special human rights treaties", in: R. Hanski and M. Sukksi (eds.), *An introduction to the international protection of human rights*, 2nd. rev. ed., Åbo (Finland): Åbo Akademi University, 1999, pp. 125-142.

Flinterman, C., "Extraconventional standard setting in the field of human rights", in: R. Hanski and M. Sukksi (eds.), *An introduction to the international protection of human rights*, 2nd. rev. ed., Åbo (Finland): Åbo Akademi University, 1999, pp. 143-150.

Flinterman, C. and V. de Graaf, "Diplomatie en mensenrechten: van gespannen verhouding naar gearrangeerd huwelijk (Human rights: from a tense relation to an arranged marriage)", in: J. Melissen (ed.), *Diplomatie, raderwerk van de internationale politiek*, Assen: Van Gorcum, 1999, pp. 90-111.

Naela Mohamed Gabr (Egypt)

Education

Master's Degree in International Relations, University of Cairo

Master's Degree in French Literature, University of Brno, Czechoslovakia

B.A. Economics and Political Science, University of Cairo

Career

January 2002	Permanent Representative of the Arab Republic of Egypt to the United Nations Office at Geneva
December 1999	Appointed as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Arab Republic of Egypt to the Republic of South Africa and Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary to the Republic of Botswana (non-resident) and to the Kingdom of Lesotho (non-resident)
1999	Deputy Assistant Minister for Human Rights, International Social and Humanitarian Affairs in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs
	Private Secretary to the First Lady of Egypt, Mrs. Suzane Mubarak
	Elected member of the United Nations Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women in 1998
1988-1992	Served at the Permanent Mission of Egypt to the United Nations in Geneva
1980-1984	Served at the Embassy of Egypt in Paris
1977-1980	Office of the First Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, Chef de Cabinet of the President

Activities and work experience

Substantive preparation (including the drafting of national reports) at the national and international levels and in coordination with the competent authorities and non-governmental organizations for the following world events:

1. Ninth United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders, Cairo, Egypt, April 1995
2. World Summit for Social Development, Copenhagen, Denmark, March 1995
3. World Conference on Natural Disaster Reduction, Yokohama, Japan, May 1994
4. International Year of the Family, 1994

Responsible for substantive cooperation with UNICEF, HCR, DHA, UNDCP and the Centre for Human Rights, 1992-1999

Focal Point in the Egyptian Ministry of Foreign Affairs regarding issues related to women, children and social development, 1992-1999

Conferences

Participated in United Nations conferences and meetings from 1988 until 2001 dealing with human rights and social and development issues, including:

World Conference against Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance, Durban, South Africa, September 2001

World Conference on Human Rights, Vienna, 1993

International Conference on Population and Development, Cairo, 1994

World Summit for Social Development, Copenhagen, 1995

Fourth World Conference on Women, Beijing, October 1995

Commission on Human Rights, 1988-1997

Subcommission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities, 1988-1992

Represented Egypt as well as panelling and presenting papers to the following conferences:

1. Asia/Africa Forum on Economic Empowerment of Women, Bangkok, Thailand, 15-20 July 1997
2. Conference on Terrorism in the Transatlantic Area, Brussels, 25-26 April 1997
3. Conference on Women in Europe and the Mediterranean, Morocco, 27-29 May 1994
4. Meeting of the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe on the implementation of human dimension issues, Warsaw, Poland, October 1993
5. International Conference on Social Development and Poverty, Oaxaca, Mexico, 6-13 September 1993

Awards

Egyptian Meritorious Award

Foreign languages

French and English

Mrs. Naela Gabr was born on 19 February 1950 in Cairo and has one daughter and one grandson.

Savitri Goonesekere (Sri Lanka)

Name: Savitri Wimalawathie Ellepola Goonesekere

Date of birth: 7 April 1939

Address: 304/5, Park Road, Colombo 5, Sri Lanka

Current position

Vice Chancellor and Senior Professor of Law, University of Colombo, Sri Lanka, the oldest national university and a recognized institution in the Asia-Pacific region. Completed term of office as first woman Vice Chancellor of a Sri Lankan University in May 2002. Member, Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women and a five-member working group of the Committee on the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women.

Educational background

LL.B. (Cey.), LL.M. Harvard, Attorney at Law, Supreme Court of Sri Lanka, University of Ceylon, Scholarship for best performance in Faculty of Arts (1958); First Class Honours, Bachelor of Laws Degree, University of Ceylon, Peradeniya (1961); Smith-Mundt Fullbright Scholar to Harvard Law School, United States, 1962/1963; Commonwealth Universities Commission, Fellowship for Senior Academic Staff, Commonwealth Universities (1972); Winner of National Literary Award for book on family law published in Sri Lanka in 1980; Association of Commonwealth Universities Fellowship (1987), Guest Lecturer, Seminar for PhD Students. Women and Autonomy Centre (VENA), Rijks Universitat, Leiden, Netherlands (November 1993); Visiting fellow, Human Rights Programme, Harvard Law School, United States (1994); Guest lecturer, International Interdisciplinary Course on Children's Rights, University of Ghent, Belgium (1997-1998); (D.Litt.) Honoris Causa, Open University of Sri Lanka (2001).

Professional activities

Senior Professor of Law and Dean, Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, Open University of Sri Lanka, Nawala (1983-1995); Senior Research Fellow, UNICEF International Child Development Centre, Florence, Italy (1990-1991); Consultant to ILO Geneva, UNICEF South Asia Regional Office, Kathmandu, Consultant and Advisor on Child Rights to UNICEF South Asia Regional Office, Bangkok, ESCAP Bangkok (1992-2000); Cited in UNICEF *State of the World's Children Report 2000*, in list of persons acknowledged for "leadership in the best interests of the child" (2000); Consultant and resource person for the Government of Sri Lanka and several national and international non-governmental organizations, UNICEF New York and Colombo, UNDP New York, UNDP Manila, UNIFEM New Delhi, national agencies working in the area of human rights women's issues, child rights, law reform (2000-2001); Senior Professor of Law, Faculty of Law, University of Colombo, Sri Lanka (from November 1995 to date); Associate Editor, International Survey of Family Law, the International Society of Family Law; Member, University Grants Commission, (1994-1999); National Commission on Women, National Commission on Education, Sri Lanka; Member, Board of Management, Centre for Women's Research, Sri Lanka.

Publications and books

Law of Persons in Sri Lanka, M. D. Gunasena (Colombo, 1980); Sri Lanka Law on Parent and Child, M. D. Gunasena (Colombo, 1987) [cited in cases in the Supreme Court of Sri Lanka]; Children Law and Justice: A South Asian Perspective, a Study of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child in South Asia; Sage Publishers, New Delhi (1997), [Recommended reading in Child Law course, National Law School, Bangalore, India, University of London (United Kingdom), several law schools in Australia, the United States and India, in Child Rights courses of Ombudsman's Office, Sweden, Listed in Sage Publications India Catalogue, 2000, in the "best seller" category]; Women, Sexual Violence and the Legal Process in Sri Lanka (Co-author) Centre for Women's Research, Colombo (1998); Muslim Personal Law on Family Relations in Sri Lanka, Muslim Women's Research and Action Forum, Colombo, 2001.

Monographs, chapters in books, journal articles and teaching texts

Over 70 publications in Sri Lanka and internationally recognized publishing houses, including in the Asia-Pacific region.

In press

Three articles

Teaching texts

Open University of Sri Lanka teaching texts and updates of course materials (LLB programme) (1983-1995).

Co-author, Open University, Case Book on Fundamental Rights in Sri Lanka (1998).

Audio-visual material, Open University of Sri Lanka audio and video cassettes on legal issues.

Keynote addresses, special lectures and memorial orations

"Children and Justice: Integrating International Standards into the National Context", International Conference on Shaping the Future by Law, Indian Law Institute, New Delhi, March (1994), published as *The Child and the Law* (New Delhi UNICEF Country Office); Violence against Women: Developments in Sri Lanka Law, Justice Sunanda Bhandare Lecture, New Delhi (1998) (published); "The Universal Declaration of Human Rights: Fifty Years" United Nations Organization Meeting, Yangon, Myanmar (1998); "Integrating International Standards into Domestic Case Law in Some South Asian Countries", keynote address, SAARC Law Conference, Colombo, Sri Lanka (1999); UNFPA World Population Day Oration, Colombo, Sri Lanka (2000), "Human Rights as a Foundation for Family Law Reform", keynote address, Tenth International World Conference of the International Society of Family Law, Brisbane, Australia (2000); "Reform of Personal Law in South Asia and Equality for Women", Third Lawyers' Collective Colloquium, New Delhi (2001).

Membership in international and regional committees

Member, SAARC Panel of Experts on Children (1991); member, External Advisory Committee, UNICEF International Child Development Centre, Florence, Italy (1992); Chairperson, Committee on Feminism, International Law Association, United Kingdom (1992-1995); member, Advisory Board, International Women's Rights Action Watch Asia-Pacific (1995 to date); member, International Advisory Council, Institute for Family and Society, University of South Carolina, United States (1997-1998); member, External Research Advisory Committee, Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, Geneva (1998-1999); member, Advisory Committee International Women's Rights Action Watch (1997 to date); member, External Forum on Gender, Asian Development Bank (2001 to date).

Zonta International Women of Achievement Award, 1989.

President's Award for Women of Achievement in Sri Lanka 2000.

Tadelech Haile Michael (Ethiopia)

I. Personal data

Name	Tadelech Haile Michael
Sex	Female
Date of birth	14 November 1953
Marital status	Widow (mother of three children)
Nationality	Ethiopian

II. Languages

English	Very good (both spoken and written)
French	Very good (both spoken and written)

III. Educational background

Licence en histoire moderne et sociologie (June 1976), Université de Fribourg, Switzerland

Studied journalism (1975-1976) at the Institut de journalisme, Fribourg, Switzerland

IV. Professional experience

February 2002 — Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Ethiopia to Côte d'Ivoire

1997-2002 — Head of Women's Affairs Section, with the rank of Minister in the Office of the Prime Minister

Main duties:

- Coordinating gender-related issues at the national level
- Managing gender mainstreaming in sector ministries programmes at the central level
- Managing gender mainstreaming in bilateral programmes as well as in United Nations agencies' country programmes
- Managing gender mainstreaming in the overall development programmes of the Government
- Designing specific women's programmes at the national level
- Monitoring and evaluation of gender programmes at different levels through the development mechanism

1992-1995 — Head of Women's Affairs Section, with the Rank of Deputy Minister in the Office of the Prime Minister

Main duties:

- Designing a national women's policy as a strategy for gender mainstreaming

- Designing an institutional mechanism for the implementation of the national women's policy
- Preparing a national data bank of women professionals
- Designing a training modality in gender and development
- Designing capacity-building programmes at different levels
- Coordinating gender-specific programmes at the national level managed by the Government and non-government organizations

1991-1992 Officer in Charge of Gender Programme in the Women's Affairs Department

Main duties:

- Establishing the office and designing a mechanism for integrating gender issues in government programmes
- Identifying personnel
- Establishing a network with different agencies and non-governmental organizations working on the gender programme in the country
- Ensuring the resumption of programmes suspended owing to the change that took place in the country
- Acting as a bridge between government and non-governmental organizations and United Nations agencies
- Organizing seminars to assess the women's movement and its performance in the past

1980-1991 Teacher in the Addis Ababa Central Prison High School

Main duties:

- Assisting twelfth grade students in preparation for final School Living National Examination in the subjects of history and the French language

1977-1980 Head Documentalist, Radio International Service Programming Department (six weeks)

Publications

1. History of Ethiopian Women's Movements and the impact on the women's lives (1993), Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
2. Ethiopian Women and Election (1992), Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
3. Situation of Ethiopian Women and their role in the society (1992), Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
4. Gender perspective of Ethiopia's agriculture strategy and sustainable food security (1996), Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

Major conferences attended

1. Micro Credit Summit 1997, Washington, D.C., as Head of the Ethiopian delegation
2. African Women Leaders in Promoting Peace 1997, Johannesburg, as Secretary of the Ad hoc Committee that initiated the peace document of the African Region for the Beijing Platform for Action
3. Ethiopia Country Report Presenter, 1996, New York
4. Fourth World Conference on Women, Beijing, September 1995, Head of the Ethiopian delegation and presenter of the African Peace Torch to the conference organizer
5. Third African-American Summit 1995, Dakar, as expert on gender
6. Fifth Regional Conference on Women, 1994, Dakar, in preparation for the Fourth World Conference on Women, as Head of the Ethiopian Delegation
7. Preparatory Conference for the Fourth World Conference on Women, New York, 1994
8. International Conference on Population and Development, Expert meeting for Africa Region, New York, 1994, strategy on gender
9. Rural Women's Summit, 1993-Geneva, as representative of Ethiopia

Training (short-term)

- Management training on gender and development at the Ethiopian Management Institute (EMI), Debre Zeit, 1992 (four weeks)
- Management on population information, education and communication and project development, Nairobi, Kenya, 1993 (for six weeks)

Akua Kuenyehia (Ghana)

Date and place of birth	Ghana
Working languages	English, French (basic), four local languages
Current position/function	Acting Director of the Ghana School of Law since April 2001, and the Dean of the Faculty of Law at the University of Ghana from May 1996 to date
Main professional activities	Lectured in many universities in Ghana, the Netherlands, Nigeria and the United States of America. Awarded a Commonwealth Foundation Fellowship in 1991. In addition to lecturing, has undertaken consultancy work in various fields relating to the advancement of the legal rights of women. Chairperson of the National Executive Board of Women in Law and Development in Africa and served as a member of many governing and administrative boards of companies and associations
Educational background	1969: LLB 2nd class (upper division), University of Ghana 1970: Professional Diploma for Admission to Ghana Bar 1972: BCL, University of Oxford, Oxford 1970: Awarded the Mensah Sarbah Prize for the best student in the Professional Law Class

Other main activities in the field relevant to the mandate of the treaty body concerned

- Coordinating a major research initiative on women and law in Anglophone West Africa
- Training women leaders from community-based organizations to carry out rights awareness and legal literacy programmes in Ghana and other parts of Africa
- Consultancy work on women's health and violence, availability of credit for small-scale women entrepreneurs in Ghana and opportunities for women consultants in Ghana

Most recent publications

(1) Women and Law in West Africa, Situational Analysis of some key issues affecting Women (1998)

Co-editor of the following publications:

(a) Improving the Reform Process through Legal Training in Comprehensive Legal and Judicial Development towards an Agenda for a Just and Equitable Society in the 21st Century. Ed Rudolf V. Van Puymboroeck. The World Bank, 2001, pp. 299-306.

(b) Legal Literacy and the Process of Empowerment — A Personal Experience in Capacity-building for Ghanaian Women. Ed Florence Dolphyne and Esther Ofei-Aboagye (2001).

(c) Family Law in Ghana and its Implications for Women — With Esther Ofei-Aboagye.

Rosario G. Manalo (Philippines)

Date and place of birth

2 October 1935, Philippines

Working languages

English, Spanish, French, Filipino

Current position

Philippine Senior Official for Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Office of the President

Main professional activities

Special Envoy of President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo to Latin America (2001)

Undersecretary of Foreign Affairs (1997-2001)

Career diplomat serving as Philippine Ambassador to the Kingdom of Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Finland, Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania (1994-1997); France and Portugal and Permanent Delegates to UNESCO (1990-1994); Kingdom of Belgium and Grand Duchy of Luxembourg (1985-1987), European Economic Community (1979-1987)

Professor, Philippine Women's University Graduate School of Public Administration, and De La Salle University on International Relations and Diplomacy

Lecturer, Foreign Service Institute, on Gender Issues and Human Rights, Economic Diplomacy; International Relations; WTO

Educational background

Master of Arts in International Studies and Diplomacy, Long Island University, New York

Master of Arts in Public Administration, University of the Philippines

Bachelor of Law, University of the Philippines

Bachelor of Science in Jurisprudence, University of the Philippines

Bachelor of Science in Foreign Service, University of the Philippines

Honorary Doctoral Degrees in Laws and Human Letters from College of New Rochelle, New York, Centro Escolar University and Philippine Women's University in the Philippines

Other main activities in the field relevant to the mandate of the treaty body concerned

Representative of the Secretary of Foreign Affairs, National Commission on the Role of Filipino Women (1997-)

Focal Point for Gender, Department of Foreign Affairs (1997-)

Secretary-General, UNESCO National Commission of the Philippines (1997-2001)

Expert, Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women (2001-) and currently its Vice Chairperson for Asia Pacific

Chairperson, Commission on the Status of Women (1983-1986)

Member, UNESCO Administrative Council of the International Fund for the Promotion of Culture (1999-2003)

Most recent publications

Peace through Human Security and Development (1997)

Author of articles in the areas of women's issues, human rights, gender and development issues, racism and racial discrimination; WTO; international trade, culture of peace

Translated from French

Mavuela Mayisa (Democratic Republic of the Congo)

I. Personal data

Place and date of birth:	Mbanza-Ngungu, 18 February 1945
Father's name:	Mayisa Kikandu
Mother's name:	Ntonono Meli
Community:	Ngeba
Territory:	Madimba
District:	Lukaya
Province:	Bas-Congo

II. Studies

Primary studies	Lycée du Sacré-Coeur, Mbanza-Boma, Bas-Congo, 1952-1958
Secondary studies	Modern Humanities, Lycée du Sacré-Coeur, Kinshasa, 1959-1964
Higher education	Institut Supérieur Pédagogique, Gombe (ISP) (Graduate, French option), 1967

III. Professional activities

1969-1981

Ministry of National Education, consecutively as:

- Teacher, Limete School for Girls
- Chief, Office of the Secretary-General for National Education
- Chief, Division for Travel and Accommodations of Foreign Teachers

1981 to date

Ministry of the Family, Women and Children, successively as:

- Regional Secretary for the Status of Women in the Province of Bas-Congo (seven years)
- Regional Secretary for the Condition of Women in the city of Kinshasa (two years)
- Councillor in charge of Cooperation in the Cabinet of the Minister of Social Affairs, Solidarity and the Family
- Councillor in charge of the Family in the Cabinet of the Minister of Health, Social Affairs and the Family
- Director-in-Chief of General Services, General Secretariat for the Family
- Secretary-General for the Family, Ministry of Social Affairs and the Family

IV. Other professional qualifications

- First Vice-Chair, National Committee on the International Year of the Child, 1979
- First Vice-Chair, National Women's Committee, since 1998
- First Vice-Chair, National Children's Committee, since 1998
- Honorary member, Committee of the Red Cross, Democratic Republic of the Congo

V. Professional travel and missions

- 1975 Mission on Special Teaching, Belgium
- 1979 Participant, International Forum on the Rights of the Child, Budapest, Hungary
- 1980 Participant, Second World Conference on Women, Copenhagen, Denmark
- 1984 Participant, Mission of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations on Agricultural Advisory Services, Burundi
- 1988 Participant, Congress of Central African Women, Bangui, Central African Republic
- 1992 – At Kinshasa, elected president of the PanAfrican Union of Women Teachers for Integration and Development (UPEID), support structure for the African Bureau for Educational Sciences (BASE)
  – Participant, preparatory meeting for the UPEID Constitutive Assembly, Dakar, Senegal
- 1993 Participant, on behalf of UPEID, in the General Assembly of the Women's League of the African National Congress, at the invitation of Ms. Albertine Sisilu, Johannesburg, South Africa
- 1994 Head of delegation of experts, Fifth African Regional Conference on Women, Dakar, Senegal, in preparation for the Fourth World Conference on Women to be held in Beijing, China
- 1997 Participant, Fourth General Assembly of the International Union of Family Agencies, Iguaçu, Brazil
- 1998 – Participant, nineteenth session of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women, New York, United States of America
  – Participant, second study mission on the promotion of women, population and development, organized by the Centre for Research, Study, Documentation and Information on Women (CREDIF), Tunis, Tunisia
- 1999 – Study and experience-sharing mission to Cameroon and Senegal within the context of the implementation of the National Programme for the Promotion of Congolese Women (1999-2004)

- Participant, twenty-first session of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women, New York, United States of America
- Participant, Sixth African Regional Conference on Women, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

•2000
- Participant, twenty-second session of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women, New York, United States of America
- Participant, Beijing+5, twenty-third special session of the United Nations General Assembly, New York, United States of America

•2001
- Participant, Regional Consultation on Enhancing Women's Participation in Peace-Keeping, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
- Participant, Preparatory Committee of the Special Session of the United Nations General Assembly for Follow-up to the World Summit for Children, New York, United States of America

Several missions into the interior of the country.

VI. Training

• 1979	Seminar on day-care centres, Tunis, Tunisia
• 1982-1983	Training seminar on the planning, implementation and evaluation of projects organized by the Gisenyi Multinational Programming and Operational Planning Centre (MULPOC), Kinshasa, Democratic Republic of the Congo
• 1985	Training seminar on public administration management, organized by the United States Agency for International Development (USAID), Kasangulu, Democratic Republic of the Congo
• 1990	Training seminar on development management, Atlanta, United States of America
• 1992	Interregional seminar for pedagogical information-sharing and action, organized by the African Bureau for Educational Sciences (BASE), Kinshasa, Democratic Republic of the Congo
• 1996	National forum on the rights and leadership of Congolese women, Kinshasa, Democratic Republic of the Congo
• 1999	– Gender training
	– Computer skills: in progress
• 2000	Logical framework training
• 2001	Training in data collection, advocacy and communications

VII. Spoken and written languages

French: very good

Kikongo: very good

Lingala: very good

English: in progress

Krisztina Morvai (Hungary)

Education

LL.M (Master of Law)	1990, University of London, King's College
Judicial Exam	1989, Supreme Court of Hungary and Ministry of Justice of Hungary (qualified as judge after postgraduate program and professional training)
Doctor Juris	1986, Eötvös Loránd University, School of Law and Political Science

Professional experience

Current positions

1987-	Associate Professor (1991-), Assistant Professor (1987-1991) of Law, Eötvös Loránd University, School of Law and Political Science, Department of Criminal Law
1998-	Director, Women's Rights and Children's Rights Research and Training Centre Foundation, Budapest

Professional history

1991-1997	Lecturer (gender and the law courses), Education Abroad Programme/Budapest, University of California and University of Wisconsin (part time)
1994-1995	Staff Attorney, European Commission of Human Rights, Strasbourg (On leave from Eötvös Loránd University)
1993-1994	Fulbright Visiting Professor, University of Wisconsin at Madison Law School
1989-1990	Count Széchenyi Scholar/Postgraduate Student at the University of London, King's College
1988-1989	Judicial Clerk, Supreme Court of Hungary (Judicial exam)
1986-1987	Trainee Attorney at Law, Bar of Pest County (Bar exam)

Awards and scholarships

1999	Ashoka Fellowship ("Innovators for the Public — award in recognition of innovative contributions by individuals to the public sector")
1993	Fulbright Teaching Scholarship (for one year — teaching and research in the United States)
1992	Freddie Mercury Prize, granted by the Red Cross for outstanding work for the rights of people with HIV and AIDS
1989	Count Széchenyi Scholarship, granted for the first time by the Government of the United Kingdom for one outstanding Hungarian scholar's postgraduate studies in the United Kingdom

Research grants

2000-2001	Equal Opportunities for Women and Men in the European Accession Programme (Open Society Foundation)
1999-2000	"Why doesn't she just leave?" (Domestic Violence in Hungary), Research grant by the Institute for Human Sciences, Vienna, under the Social Costs of Economic Transformation in Central Europe (SOCO) program
1999	Trafficking in Women (Research and Information Programme of IOM)

Courses taught

- Criminal law I. General part and Sentencing
- Criminal law II. Special part
- Comparative Criminal Law. Principles of Criminal Responsibility, Punishment and Sentencing
- "From the Role of Rule to the Rule of Law" — the State, the Citizen and the Law Before and After the Democratic Transition
- Constitutionalism, Civil Rights and the Democratic Transition in East and Central Europe
- Gender and the Law
- Legal Clinic — Women and the Law/Domestic Violence
- Human Rights Law

Selected list of publications

Book

– Morvai, Krisztina: Terror a Családban — A feleségbántalmazás és a jog (Kossuth Kiadó, 1998, 307 old.)

(Terror in the Family — Wife abuse and the Law, Kossuth Publisher, 1998, 307 pp.)

Research papers and book chapters

– Morvai, Krisztina: "Why doesn't she just leave?" Research-based Policy Recommendations for the Prevention of and Response to Domestic Violence in Hungary (SOCO Project Paper Series No 101, Vienna 2001 — Institute for Human Sciences)

– Morvai, Krisztina: Work and Work-related Rights of Women and Girls (United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs Division for the Advancement of Women: Bringing International Human Rights Law Home, Judicial Colloquium on the Domestic Application of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women and the Convention on the Rights of the Child, United Nations, New York, 2000)

– Morvai, Krisztina: The Construction of the Other in the European Human Rights Enterprise, in P. Fitzpatrick and J. H. Bergeron (eds): Europe's Other: European Law between Modernity and Postmodernity, Dartmouth Publishers, 1998

Articles in law reviews

– What is Missing From the Rhetoric of Choice? (UCLA Women's Law Journal, vol. 5, 1995, pp. 445-471)

– Continuity and Discontinuity in the Legal System: What it Means for Women (UCLA Women's Law Journal, vol. 5, No. 1, 1994, pp. 63-70)

– Gender Discrimination — Related Cases Before the European Commission and Court of Human Rights (Promoting Human Rights and Civil Society in Central and Eastern Europe, 1995)

Examples of previous accomplishments in addressing discrimination against women include:

- Keynote speaker at the Judicial Colloquium on the application of international human rights law at the domestic level, Vienna, 1999, organized by the United Nations Division for the Advancement of Women
- Panellist (invited expert) at the meeting of the Preparatory Committee for the Special Session of the General Assembly entitled "Women 2000: gender, equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century", United Nations, New York
- Rapporteur for IOM on trafficking in women in Hungary (upon the request of the International Organization for Migration, prepared the first Hungarian research on trafficking in women)
- Expert on violence against women for the last periodic report of the Government of Hungary to the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women
- Member of the Council for the Representation of Women (interdepartmental working group of the Government of Hungary with participants from each ministry and from six leading women's non-governmental organizations, including the Women's Rights and Children's Rights Research and Training Centre)

Zelmira Regazzoli (Argentina)

Date and place of birth: 5 August 1939, Santa Rosa, La Pampa Province, Argentina

Divorced, with four children and five grandchildren

Current position/function and main professional activities

1. Vice-Chairperson of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women
2. Adviser, National Senate Committee on Foreign Relations, Committee on Agreements and Bicameral Committee on Women
3. Adviser on International Affairs, SAMCONSUT, Argentina
4. Honorary President of the Mercosur Committee on Women (non-governmental organization)
5. Member of PRONDEC (Programme on Democratization of Culture)
6. Member of the Foundation for Integrated Argentine Development
7. Adviser Ad honorem at the OIM
8. Member of the Board of Directors of the Argentine Foundation for Refugees
9. Adviser Emeritus at the Inter-American Commission of Women of the Organization of American States

Educational background

Doctorate in Political Science, Columbia University, New York, 1983

Professor Emeritus at the University of Lanus, Argentina

Full professor, Chair of Modern History I and II, National University of La Pampa, 1971-1976

Other main activities in the field relevant to the mandate of the treaty body concerned

Argentinean Ambassador to Bolivia (1997-1999)

Undersecretary for Human Rights and Women's Affairs at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, International Trade and Worship (1989-1997)

Member of the National Programme for the Democratization of Culture (PRONDEC)

First Vice-Chair of the Main Committee of the Fourth World Conference on Women, Beijing (1995)

Head of the Argentinean delegation to the Fourth World Conference on Women, Beijing (1995)

President of the Inter-American Commission of Women, Organization of American States (1992-1994)

Vice-President of the Inter-American Commission of Women, Organization of American States (1990-1992)

Head of the Argentine delegation to the United Nations Commission on Human Rights, United Nations, Geneva (1990)

Representative of Argentina to the Committee against Torture for the presentation of the initial report (1989)

Panellist at the International Seminars of the Andean Committee of Jurists (Peru) on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights of Women. International Standards — Santiago de Chile, 2000, Santa Cruz, Bolivia (2001)

Co-author of the constitutional provisions incorporating 11 human rights instruments in force in Argentina into constitutional law

List of most recent publications

"Afganistan: From Alexander the Great to the Taliban" (currently in press)

"Memorial of the Iron Door", Mediodía, Argentinean Congress

"Forced disappearance in Democracy. Cases Guardatti, Garrido and Baigorria" Mendoza 1997-1999 (currently in press)

"Ten years of Democracy for a Hundred More", Eudeba, 1993. 4th edition

Children's Rights, La Plata Statement, 1989, Debate and approval

Fumiko Saiga (Japan)

Date of birth: 30 November 1943

Education Department of English Studies, Tokyo University of Foreign Studies (Graduated: March 1966)

Career

January 1980	International Convention Division, Treaties Bureau
June 1983	First Secretary, Permanent Mission of Japan to the United Nations
February 1988	Assistant Director, United Nations Policy Division, United Nations Affairs Bureau
March 1988	Deputy Director, Social Cooperation Division, United Nations Affairs Bureau
July 1989	Director, Ocean Division, Economic Affairs Bureau
August 1992	Counsellor, Embassy of Japan in Denmark
March 1996	Minister, Permanent Mission of Japan to the United Nations
May 1998	Vice Governor of Saitama Prefecture, Japan
September 2000-present	Consul-General of Japan in Seattle

Works related to CEDAW and gender issues

January 1980-June 1983	In charge of preparation of the ratification of the Convention on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women by the Government of Japan in the International Convention Division, Treaties Bureau
1985	Attended the World Conference to Review and Appraise the Achievements of the United Nations Decade for Women in Nairobi, Kenya and in its preparatory meetings in the Commission on the Status of Women (1984 and 1985)
1988-1989	As Deputy Director, had responsibility, among others, for women's affairs including the Commission on the Status of Women, UNIFEM and implementation of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women in Japan in cooperation with other Ministries
1996-1998	In charge of the Third Committee, including the Commission on the Status of Women and the drafting of the Optional Protocol to the Convention
1998-2000	Adviser to the Governor of Saitama Prefecture on gender issues
	Adviser, Drafting Committee for the regulation on gender equality in Saitama Prefecture

February 1999 and February 2000	As Vice Governor of Saitama Prefecture, Japan, hosted the Saitama International Women's Forum, in which Ms. Angela King, Special Representative of the Secretary-General, participated as a keynote speaker in February 2000
	Prepared for the adoption in March of the regulation on gender equality in Saitama Prefecture, the first local government to enact such a regulation in Japan
	Prepared for the establishment of the Commission on Gender Equality in Saitama Prefecture
June 2000	Participated in non-governmental organization activities during the special session of the General Assembly entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century" together with a group of Saitama women
	Conducted lectures at universities and communities on the United Nations and the gender equality issue

Other international meetings and conferences

United Nations General Assembly (1983-1987, 1990-1991, 1996-1997)

Economic and Social Council

Commission on Human Rights

United Nations Environment Programme (1983)

International Labour Organization (1988)

International Telecommunication Union (1988)

World Health Organization (1988)

United Nations Population Fund (1988)

United Nations Conference for the adoption of a Convention against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances, Vienna (1998)

International Maritime Organization (1991)

Preparatory Commission for the International Sea-Bed Authority and for the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea (1989-1992 in New York and Jamaica)

United Nations Conference on Environment and Development (1992 in Rio de Janeiro)

World Summit for Social Development (1995 in Copenhagen)

Dubravka Šimonović (Croatia)

Date/place of birth:	11 August 1958, Zagreb, Croatia
Marital status:	Married; two children: daughter Tena (20), son Ivan (17)

Education

March 1997	PhD in Law. Thesis: "Legal regulation on medically assisted procreation" at the Zagreb Faculty of Law
May 1991	Master's degree in family law. Thesis: "Legal problems concerning artificial insemination in human procreation" at the Zagreb Faculty of Law
December 1984	Passed the Bar Examination in Zagreb
March 1982	Graduated from the University of Zagreb (Faculty of Law)

Career

May 1998-present	Minister Plenipotentiary in the Permanent Mission of the Republic of Croatia to the United Nations, New York
1997-1998	Deputy Consul-General of the Republic of Croatia in New York
1994-1996	Head of the Department for Human Rights at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs
1993-1994	Unpaid leave to the United States (prepared PhD)
1992-1993	Adviser to the Deputy Prime Minister in the Government of the Republic of Croatia
1988-1992	Head of General Administrative Services of the "Vuk Vrhovec" Institute
1982-1988	Legal representative before various courts

Activities and functions

Dr. Šimonović has been the representative of her country to the UNIFEM Consultative Committee since 2001.

Chairperson of the Commission on the Status of Women (2000-2002)

Vice-Chairperson of the Steering Committee on Bioethics (CDBI), Council of Europe, Strasbourg, 2001-2003

Vice-Chair of the Preparatory Committee for the special session of the General Assembly entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century", 1999-2000

Member of the National Committee on Bioethics, 2001

Member of the National Committee on the Rights of the Child, 1996

Member of the Governmental Committee for Equality of Women, 1997-1999

National expert for UNDP project "Women in Development in CEE and CIS countries", 1995

Member of the Committee for the preparation of new legislation on medically assisted procreation, established in 1995 by the Minister of Health

Legal adviser for the Programme of Protection and Help to Victims of Violence of the Government of the Republic of Croatia, 1994

International conferences

1996 to 2001	Delegate to the United Nations General Assembly, New York
8-10 October 2001	Participant at the International Conference on Human Rights and Democratization, Dubrovnik, Croatia
28 and 29 March 2001	Member of the delegation of experts on examination of the Croatian initial report before the United Nations Human Rights Committee, New York
25-27 June 2001	Special session of the General Assembly on HIV/AIDS, New York
21-24 November 2000	United Nations Expert Group Meeting on Gender and racial discrimination, Zagreb, Croatia
5-9 June 2000	Delegate and Vice-Chairperson to the special session of the General Assembly entitled: "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century", New York
6-8 September 2000	Delegate to the Millennium Summit of the United Nations, New York
March 2000, March 2001	As the Chairperson of the Commission on the Status of Women, addressed the United Nations Commission on Human Rights, Geneva
21-23 January 1998	Member of the delegation of experts on the examination of the Croatian initial report before the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women, New York
27-31 August 1996	Delegate to the World Congress against Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children, Stockholm, Sweden
10-12 June 1996	Participation on UNICEF/International Child Development Centre seminar "Consultation on Europe's contribution to safeguarding children's rights in situations of armed conflict", Florence
1996, 1997, 1998	Delegate to the fifty-second, fifty-third and fifty-fourth sessions of the Commission on Human Rights, Geneva
23 and 24 January 1996	Member of the delegation of experts on the examination of the Croatian initial report before the United Nations Committee on the Rights of the Child, Geneva

4-15 September 1995	Delegate to the Fourth World Conference on Women, Beijing
12 and 13 June 1995	Delegate to the Ad Hoc Committee of Experts to exchange views on the Fourth World Conference on Women, Strasbourg
19-8 April 1995	Delegate to the thirty-ninth session of the Commission on the Status of Women acting as the preparatory body for the Fourth World Conference on Women, New York
7-9 March 1995	Member of the delegation of experts on examination of the Croatian initial report before the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, Geneva
9-11 February 1995	Delegate to the conference, "Equality and Democracy: Utopia or Challenge?", organized by the Council of Europe, Strasbourg
17-21 October 1994	Delegate to the regional conference, "Women in a Changing World — Call for Action from an ECE Perspective", United Nations Economic Commission for Europe, Vienna
5-13 September 1994	Delegate to the International Conference on Population and Development, Cairo

Scientific publications

Moral and Legal Dilemmas of a Possible Case, Pravnik 1979 14/15, Zagreb, pp. 30-41 (co-author I. Šimonović)

Legal Problems of Artificial Insemination in Human Procreation, Master's Thesis, Faculty of Law, University of Zagreb, 1991

Legislation on Artificial Insemination — Basic Considerations, Zakonitost 1992, 46,3, pp. 462-474

Medical and Legal Treatment of Assisted Procreation in the Republic of Croatia (de lege lata and de lege ferenda), Zagreb, Zakonitost, 1993, 2/3, pp. 255-266

Social and Legal Problems of Artificial Insemination, Medicinska naklada, Zagreb 1993, 123 pp.

Legal and Ethical Problems of New Technologies Used for Medically Assisted Procreation, published in the book Gynaecology and Perinatology (1995, edited by Prof. A. Kurjak)

United Nations and Human Rights, Croatia and the United Nations, Organizator, Zagreb, 1996, 143-149

United Nations and the Status of Women, Croatia and the United Nations, Organizator, Zagreb, 1996, 251-265

Medically Assisted Procreation: Law and Ethics, 1997, Organizator, Zagreb, 399 pp.

Family Law Provisions on Medically Assisted Procreation in the Republic of Croatia (de lege lata and de lege ferenda), paper accepted for publishing in the Zakonitost journal

Role of the United Nations in the promotion and protection of human rights and women's rights, 2001, paper accepted for publishing by the Diplomatic academy of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Croatia